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# 4-H Clover Connection

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KAY COUNTY

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## FEBRUARY 2009

### Deadline nearing for 4-H Ambassador Applications

Oklahoma 4-H'ers who are looking for a way to be even more involved in the Oklahoma 4-H program should consider applying to become a 4-H Ambassador.

The Oklahoma 4-H Ambassador Program has three purposes including telling the 4-H story, increasing visibility and helping maintain relationships with 4-H alumni and supporters.

"We're looking for club members with strong written and verbal communication skills," said Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator and Ambassador advisor at the State 4-H Office. "Part of the interview process includes an activity where they must write a thank you note. Applicants also are expected to do an extemporaneous speech. This is why we really stress the importance of communication skills, as they are needed to be a successful Ambassador."

She also noted that the application process is very detailed and club members will be selected to interview based upon their application.

Applications can be found on the 4-H Web site at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu>. Click on leadership, and then click on Ambassadors to download all of the Ambassador application material. Applications should be submitted to Allen at the State 4-H Office no later than April 1. Interviews to select new Ambassadors will take place on May 30.

Applicants will know that day if they are selected. Applicants must be 13 years of age and have at least one year of high school remaining.

In addition to the interview, applicants also must submit three letters of reference. One letter must be from the county Extension educator responsible for the county 4-H program; another from a parent or guardian showing support of their child as an Ambassador; and one person other than family such as a coach, teacher or church leader.

"Ambassadors will represent the Oklahoma 4-H program at a variety of county, district and state events throughout the year," she said. "They also will support media relations by writing articles for newspapers, writing or presenting promotional material for radio, as well as serving as a local advocate for 4-H by making personal contacts with people such as legislators, county commissioners, stakeholders and other supporters of our youth."

Ambassadors also will serve as a speaker or trainer on topics related to the implementation of a statewide service or leadership project.

Allen said Ambassadors also are required to complete at least one activity each month, post reports following monthly activities, attend quarterly meetings, travel when called upon to speak at an event and assume financial responsibilities relating to Ambassador activities.

Ambassadors also are expected to attend a yearly retreat in June at the Bockelman Ranch near Slapout, Okla. Ambassadors have been attending this retreat since the first group was selected.

The Oklahoma 4-H Ambassador Program officially began in 1994 with 14 club members selected to serve that first year. Changes have evolved over the years to create the outstanding program that it is today.

"It's a great honor to be selected as a State 4-H Ambassador, but it's also a great responsibility," Allen said. "Ambassadors have a very important role not only to themselves, but the 4-H program as a whole. We're coming up on the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when the Ambassadors began, and in that time they have had such a strong impact on our youth. With the selection of new Ambassadors later this year, we'll just continue that trend."



**RECORD BOOKS:**

County Record Books are due June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Record Books will continue to be due every year hereafter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in June. Record Book reporting times will be through to May 15<sup>th</sup> each year. (May 16 – May 15) There will be no limit on how many times you may receive a medal in a specific project area. 4-Her's can only apply for 4 medals per year. Now would be a good time to start on State Record Books. They will be due into the Extension office on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. County Forms are available at the County Extension office and also on our website:

<http://kay.oces@okstate.edu>

State Forms available at

<http://www.oces.okstate.edu/kay/4-h/book-forms>

Please contact the office or your leader if you have any questions or need assistance

**SCHEDULE FOR 83<sup>rd</sup>**

**ANNUAL KAY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**February 23 through February. 27, 2009**

**ALL ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY 4-H LEADER OR FFA INSTRUCTOR**

**ENTRIES ARE DUE BY**

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**<http://oces.okstate.edu/kay>**

**ALL MONIES DUE BY FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**CARCASS CONTEST SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 16:**

8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Carcass Steer Weigh-In,

Tonkawa Meat Processing

**Wednesday, February 18:**

8:00-8:30 a.m. Carcass Hog Weigh-In,

Tonkawa Meat Processing

8:00 a.m. Carcass Lamb Weigh-In,

Tonkawa Meat Processing

**COMMERCIAL GROUPS SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, February 18:**

4:00 p.m. Commercial Beef, Swine and Lamb Groups judged at the Newkirk Livestock Auction

**Friday, February 20:**

9:00 a.m. Carcass Judging, Tonkawa Meat Processing

**LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 23:**

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Weigh-In and Classify Hogs

5:00 p.m.-Trisha Burke Memorial Leadership Contest

11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

**Tuesday, February 24:**

10:00 a.m. MARKET HOG SHOW

11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

**Wednesday, February 25:**

ALL MARKET HOGS MUST BE REMOVED BY 10:00 A.M.

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Weigh-in Lambs

10:00a.m.-12 noon Weigh-in Steers

4:00 p.m. MARKET LAMB SHOW

11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

**Thursday, February 26:**

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Weigh-in Goats

9:00 a.m. HEIFER SHOW followed by STEER SHOW

1:00 p.m. GOAT SHOW or 30 min after steer show.

6:00 p.m. Cattleman Scholarship Interviews

11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

**Friday, February 27:**

12 noon CLUB & CHAPTER MEMBERS TO ASSIST WITH SALE PREPARATIONS

6:30 p.m. BONUS SALE

Rules and regulations can be picked up at the OSU Extension Center. Every member and parent should go over these rules so they know what to expect when showing their livestock. You can also print rules from our County website: <http://www.oces.okstate.edu/kay/4-h/jls>.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**KAY COUNTY CATTLEMEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

Parent, legal guardian, or student must be a member of the Kay County Cattlemen's Association as of January 29, 2009. Applications available at the County Extension Office and on our website: <http://oces.okstate.edu/kay> Interviews will be held at the Kay County Courthouse on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Winners will be announced at the Annual Kay County Cattlemen's Banquet. Scholarship amount is \$300 and will be paid directly to the college student will be attending.

**TRISHA BURKE MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP CONTEST**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**Contest will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.**

**Application form is available at the Extension office and on our website:** The purpose of this contest is to honor Trisha Burke through a leadership speech contest. This is a contest to promote the leadership of the youth in Kay County who exhibit livestock at the Kay Co. Jr. Livestock Show. Each participant will give a speech addressing the following topic:

**“What are the benefits of having a livestock project and how is it preparing me for the future?”**

Only youth who have entries in the Kay County Jr. Livestock show are eligible for this contest.

*Contestants must turn in a copy of their speech with their livestock show entries on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The speeches will be given by age division and evaluated by a panel of three judges.*

Age divisions and time limits are: 9-12 2 to 4 minutes; 13-15 3 to 5 minutes; 16 to 18 4 to 6 minutes. A cash award of \$100 and a belt buckle will be given to the winner in each division.

Once a youth has won in his/her age division they will not be eligible to participate in that age division again. This contest will last until the memorial funds have been depleted

**SPEECH CONTEST**



Young Farmers and Ranchers Speech Contest to be held in conjunction with the 2009 Oklahoma Youth Expo. All entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2009. The contest will take place Monday, March 16, 3:00 p.m. at OSU/OKC. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Center. A contestant number will be assigned to each contestant. For more information contact the Kay County Extension office.

**OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Nine \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. (one per Farm Bureau board member district)

**Deadline for applications:**

1. Applicant must pick up application at their local county Farm Bureau Office.
  2. Application must be postmarked no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. Recipients will be notified.
- For more information please contact the Kay County Extension Office.

**75<sup>TH</sup> NW DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW  
February 27 to March 3, 2008**

**Garfield County Fairgrounds, Enid, OK  
ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
BY 4:00 P.M. TO THE  
KAY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
Entries submitted after this deadline will be charged  
double the fee listed.**

Entry forms are available from your local FFA Advisor, the Extension Office or on-line at <http://www.enidchamber.com/13-1.htm>.

Entries must be submitted together as an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Contact your local FFA Advisor to see when they want entries turned in to them.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

**4:30 p.m.** Lambs and Cattle admitted to Fairgrounds.

**4:30 p.m.** Lamb Lead Interviews

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2009:**

**7:00 a.m** Agriculture Education Instructors/Extension Educators pick up school/club packets.

**7:30 a.m.** Lamb Classification

**8:00 – 9:00 am.** Ewe Registration check-in

**9:00 a.m.** Club Lamb Breeding Ewe Cards Due in show office

**9:30 a.m.** Lamb Lead

**10:30 a.m** Ewe Show Begins.

Wether show immediately following doe show.

Immediately following selection of the final sale order there will be a short meeting in the North bleachers for those sheep exhibitors selected for the premium sale.

Sheep are released immediately after exhibition and must be removed from their pen after the conclusion of the sheep show. Animals selected for the premium sale are also released and must be in place by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**2:30-6:30 p.m. CATTLE SCALES AVAILABLE**

**4:00-6:30 p.m.** Heifer registration papers checked.

**6:30 p.m.** ALL STEER & COMMERCIAL HEIFER cards due in show office. **All cattle must be in place to be eligible to show (on the fairgrounds).**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009**

**8:00 a.m. Steer Show Begins**

Immediately following selection of the final sale order there will be a short meeting in the North bleachers for those steer exhibitors selected for the premium sale.

*There will be a 30 minute break following the Steer Show, and then the Heifer show will begin.*

Cattle are released immediately after exhibition and must be removed from their stall after the conclusion of the heifer show. Animals selected for the premium sale are also released and must be in place by 5:00pm on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Goats may move-in one hour after the completion of the cattle show.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009**

**9:00 a.m.** ALL Goat cards (does and wethers) due in show office

**10:00 a.m** Doe Goat Show Begins. Wether goat show immediately following Doe show.

Immediately following selection of the final sale order there will be a short meeting in the North bleachers for those goat exhibitors selected for the premium sale.

Goats are released immediately after exhibition and must be removed from their pen after the conclusion of the wether goat show. Animals selected for the premium sale are also released and must be in place by 5:00pm on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Swine are allowed to unload ONE HOUR after the completion of the goat show.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009**

**10:00 a.m** ALL swine cards due in show office

**12:00 p.m. Barrow Show Begins**

**Show order: Berkshire, Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland, Spot, Yorkshire, AOB, Crossbred**

Immediately following selection of the final sale order there will be a short meeting in the North bleachers for those swine exhibitors selected for the premium sale. Animals selected for the premium sale are also released and must be in place by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009**

**8:00 a.m. Gilt Registration check-in (by breed according to show order)**

**10:00 a.m** Commercial Gilt cards due in show office

**Show order: Berkshire, Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland, Spot, Yorkshire , (classed broken by age) followed by Commercial Gilts (classes broken by weight).**

Immediately following selection of the final sale order there will be a short meeting in the North bleachers for those swine exhibitors selected for the premium sale. Hogs are released immediately after exhibition. Animals selected for the premium sale are also released and must be in place by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**5:30 p.m Sale Exhibitor Meeting:** All premium sale exhibitors **must** attend.

**6:45 p.m. AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

**7:00 p.m. PREMIUM SALE AUCTION –SHOW ARENA**

All animals in the premium sale must be ready for exhibition by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009. Those animals not in place by 5:00 p.m. will be subject to disqualification from the Premium Auction Sale.

**TUESDAY APRIL, 7, 2009**

**5:00 p.m.** Northwest District Jr. Livestock show Wrap-up Meeting: Autry technology Center, Room 53A. Agriculture Education Instructors and Extension Educators are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**OKLAHOMA YOUTH EXPO**

The state livestock show or Youth Expo will be held March 13-23, 2009 at the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Only those animals that were nominated may exhibit at this event. That includes steers, sheep, hogs and goats.

**Key Club Membership**

Membership in the 4-H Key Club is an honor extended only to the top 4-H'ers since 1950. A 4-H member must be 15 years of age as of January 1st to make application. The application and membership requirements must be completed by March 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the OSU Extension Office. I would like to encourage all 15 year olds and older to apply.



**Wildlife Project Group  
(county-wide group)**

**February 7, 2009:** Wildlife group will meet at Kay Electric Kay Room for a presentation on Birds at 1:00pm and will last about 2 hours. Any 4-Her interested in Wildlife or associated project may attend. Any 4-Her may also present a wildlife talk, illustrated talk, or demonstration. This would count as a county-wide presentation in your recordbook. Let Michael or Theresa Horinek know if planning to present a program for planning at 580-763-2994 or e-mail [thorinek@newkirkok.net](mailto:thorinek@newkirkok.net).

**March 20, 2009:** Wildlife group will meet at the Horinek's home for presentations on Casting Wildlife tracks and Fishing. Any 4-Her interested in Wildlife or associated project may attend. Any 4-Her may also present a wildlife talk, illustrated talk, or demonstration. This would count as a county-wide presentation in your recordbook. Let Michael or Theresa

Horinek know if planning to present a program for planning at 580-763-2994 or e-mail [thorinek@newkirkok.net](mailto:thorinek@newkirkok.net).

**Science and Technology Project Group  
(county-wide group)**

**February 7, 2009:** A workshop on preparing Power Point Presentations will be held at the Kay Electric Kay Room at 9:30am to about 12 noon. If you have a laptop with a power point program please bring it, however it is not necessary for attendance. The group will learn a variety of simple ways to prepare a good power point presentation. Any 4-Her interested in computers or learning about power point presentation is welcome to attend. Also, 4-Hers may present a talk, illustrated talk, or demonstration after the presentation (this would count as a county-wide presentation). Questions may be directed to Matthew Horinek, 580-763-2994 or e-mail: [thorinek@newkirkok.net](mailto:thorinek@newkirkok.net).

**March 20, 2009:** A woodworking workshop, *Building a Birdhouse or Feeder*, will be presented at the Horinek's. The Workshop will begin at 9:30am and finish about 12 noon. You will have the opportunity to build a birdhouse or feeder to take home and enter in the fair. Cost for supplies is \$5.00. If you have questions or woodworking is one of your 4-H projects and you would like to help with the presentation contact Matthew Horinek 580-763-2994 or e-mail: [thorinek@newkirkok.net](mailto:thorinek@newkirkok.net).

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

4-H'ers and volunteers would you like to recognize a 4-H volunteer in your community? The State Volunteer and Parents Organization would like your nomination for "4-H Volunteer of the Year". The State 4-H Volunteer of the Year will be honored in Stillwater in June. Nominations must be in the county office no later than March 20, 2009. For more information contact the OSU Extension Center.

**4-H Jackets and Vests**

You can now order from Awards & Moore, Stillwater, OK. Contact the Extension Office for an order form. <http://www.awardsandmoore.com/>

**June 8-13, 2009**

**FOR 8-13 YEARS OF AGE**  
Registration cost \$175. Scholarships may be available. Check out their website for application and information:  
<http://www.forestry.ok.gov/oklahoma-youth-forestry--wildlife-camp>.

**4-H Ambassador Applications Due April 1, 2009**

All senior 4-H members interested in being a state ambassador must apply by April 1, 2009. The newly revised application forms are available on the 4-H web site, under the "Leadership" tab, and then under "Ambassadors".

<http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/leadership/ambass.htm>

All of the details for making application are included on this web site if you want to check it out or pass it along to interested older youth:

<http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/leadership/ambass.htm>

If you have members who are interested, please encourage them to start the process early as it requires several reference letters and other materials that may take time to gather. Late applications will not be accepted. If you have specific questions about the application process, please contact Barbara Hatfield, Ambassador Application Coordinator at the address listed on the application or at this email address:

[babslh@hotmail.com](mailto:babslh@hotmail.com)

**Kids and The Economy**

The current economy is a prime time to involve kids in consumer issues. A new web-site launched this Fall by the Federal Trade Commission introduces kids to key consumer and business concepts. Set in a shopping mall, <http://www.ftc.gov/youarehere> takes kids under 12 on an experiential journey. It teaches kids how to be more savvy consumers by demonstrating the benefits of competition, how advertising can influence buying decisions, and the rules and regulations that many business people deal with. It's a great tool for parents, 4-H leaders or other adults who are trying to help kids understand their role in the marketplace.

The site features animated guides who help visitors navigate a virtual mall and interact with shopkeepers and other consumers. Kids can design and print advertisements for a shoe store, uncover suspicious claims in an ad, and guess the retail price of various candies based on their supply, demand, and production costs. One game that has players match the features of various cell phones with certain audiences illustrates the principles of target marketing; another allows visitors to compare sales pitches from three pizza joints as it explains

competition. A short film playing at the cinema illustrates the history of the FTC.

For adults, the site offers fact sheets that cover advertising, marketing, and competition in more detail, along with ideas for related activities. The site is useful in youth activities that involve consumer economics, government, social studies, history, or language arts. It takes a unique approach to both consumer tips and the role of business and government in daily life.

Spendster.org, built by the National Endowment for Financial Education® (NEFE®), allows people to share information about purchases they now regret, and they rate and discuss those of others. The site also provides tools to calculate how costly items, like unopened DVDs, really are and how much could have been saved if that money were put to more productive use. Spendster, found at <http://spendster.org/> allows for video and photo uploads, provides a calculator that determines the actual cost of unnecessary and under-utilized purchases if paid for via credit card, and calculates how much these expenditures could have generated for retirement 40 years hence. NEFE hopes that Spendster.org will demonstrate to consumers the long-term financial effects of buyer's remorse while educating consumers on their own personal financial needs and capabilities.

Other sites you might want to visit are

[www.choosetosave.org](http://www.choosetosave.org)<<http://www.choosetosave.org>> or

[www.americasavesweek.org](http://www.americasavesweek.org)<<http://www.americasavesweek.org>>

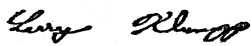
Mary Rhyne, Kay County Extension Educator  
Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H

**Discovery Unlimited  
May 29-30, 2009**

Saints Grove Camp, Stillwater, OK  
Information Coming Soon!

**PARENT/LEADER & TEEN MEETINGS  
SCHEDULED  
FEBRUARY 16th. 6:30 p.m.  
EXTENSION OFFICE**

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**4-H CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**February 2009 Calendar**

- 6 ONLINE ENTRIES DUE for  
Kay County Jr. Livestock Show  
Trisha Burke & Cattleman Scholarship due
- 7 4-H & FFA Family Night Blazers Hockey Game  
Wildlife Project Group, Kay Electric Kay Room  
Power point workshop-Kay Electric Kay room
- 9 All Monies due for Online Entries for  
Kay County Jr. Livestock Show  
Trisha Burke Contest Interviews
- 13 NWD Livestock Show entries due
- 16 PLO/Teen Leader meeting
- 23-27 Kay Co. Jr. Livestock Show  
(show schedule & rules available online  
<http://oces.okstate.edu/kay>)
- 26 Cattleman Scholarship Interviews
- 27-March 3rd NWD Livestock Show

**March 2009 Calendar**

- 1 Deadline-Young Farmers and Ranchers Speech Contest
- 13-23 Oklahoma Youth Expo
- 15 Deadline: Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Scholarship
- 16 Young Farmers and Ranchers Speech Contest
- 20 State Record Books due in County Office  
Key Club Membership applications due  
Wildlife Group meeting at the Horinek Home  
Woodworking workshop at the Horinek Home  
Volunteer of the Year Nominations due

**April 2009 Calendar**

- 1 4-H Ambassador applications due

**May 2009 Calendar**

- 29-30 Discovery Unlimited

**June 2009 Calendar**

- 8-13 53<sup>rd</sup> Forestry & Wildlife Camp
- 12 County Record Books Due